

Ed Jones: Horses And Camps Go Together

You don't have to be in Mentone very long to know that Ed Jones and his family have lots of "horse sense." His understanding of horses and love of riding and training them have kept him involved in the riding program at Camp DeSoto most of his life.

"I practically grew up at DeSoto with horses," he says.

Each year Ed provides the camp with 25 "good camp horses" that he has carefully selected and cared for. He says he never takes a horse to the camp that he is not thoroughly familiar with.

"The horse has to have an even temperament, not get excited easily, one that will calm down quickly. It takes a special horse for kids to ride," he says.

Horses will learn when they have an inexperienced rider and just like some people, they'll take advantage of the situation. They can get ornery and we have to adjust their attitude," he explained.

His relationship with DeSoto began when his father, Hardie Jones was in charge of the horses at the camp. Ed helped in the summers even during the 33 years he worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority in Chattanooga. He commuted to Mentone to work at camp and has been heading up the camp stable for almost 30 years.

Ed's own children have also worked with the DeSoto program. Ronnie, Ed's son, helped in the summers. Ronnie and wife Gail live in Mentone and have three daughters, Kristin, Candace and Jessica. This summer both Kristin and Candace will be campers at DeSoto. Ed's daughters were campers and now, Amanda who is married to Mike Shirey helps with the riding instruction at camp. Amanda lives in Adamsburg and has two children, Hannah and Jake.

Tricia Blansit is the youngest of Ed's children and is in charge of the riding program of Skyline Ranch just down the road from DeSoto. She is married to T. C. Blansit and they have one child, Samantha.

"It's been a family thing," Ed says of their involvement at DeSoto.



The camp has eight college age staff members who have experience with the horses assigned to help with riding instruction. Snow Wilson, the head counselor for the riding program attended DeSoto as a camper and has been a counselor before.

A typical summer day for Ed Jones begins early. By 6:30 a.m., he is at camp to water all the horses and to bridle and saddle them. He is assisted by L. M. Flannigan who everyone calls "M."

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SPECIAL CAMP ISSUE

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A Piece Of History

BITS AND PIECES

From Zora Strayhorn's History of Mentone

Camp Alanita for Girls was established in 1922, situated on a ledge below Eagle's Nest Rock on Mentone's brow. It was limited to 100 girls which were said to be from the best homes in the South. "Lookout Mountain," a brochure claimed, "is the ideal spot for developing the girl with a mind that thinks, a body that acts, and a heart that loves."

The Council Hall was a sixteen-sided structure with a fireplace, piano, record player, writing desks, and porch equipped with swings, extending almost to the brow. Each cabin accommodated eight campers and one counselor; drinking water was from wells; chemically treated toilets were used but electricity was available.

There were tennis courts, athletic field, riding ring, archery range, swimming beach and diving board and a large bath house was curtained dressing rooms. Little River was used for aquatic sports. There was a craft studio, office and living quarters for the camp staff, plus a camp post office and commissary. The camp closed after a few years probably because of water or economic problems.



For Our Visitors

Begin at the Hitching Post, the Mentone equivalent of a Welcome Center and Chamber of Commerce. They are glad to give directions and suggestions to make your visit to Mentone memorable. The Lookout Mountain Parkway Association information Center is located across Highway 117 and can also aid in your trip to Mentone and travels around Lookout Mountain.

Shopping in Mentone is a unique experience. Visit the shops at the Hitching Post, the Log Cabin Village and Weaver's (entrance at the Log Cabin Deli Parking area) for beautiful handcrafted items, artwork, antiques and collectibles.

Standing outside the Hitching Post, you can look across the highway at the Victorian Mentone Springs Hotel. Looking to the left, across DeSoto Parkway, you can see the Mentone Inn and St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Church, built around a log cabin said to be Mentone's oldest structure.

DeSoto Falls is about two miles down the Parkway. Five miles farther are DeSoto Park and Lodge, and Howard's Chapel, built against a giant boulder, where were placed the ashes of the well-known Colonel Milford Howard.

This is just the beginning. Ask questions. Keep in motion.

WHERE TO EAT ON THE MOUNTAIN

- (1) Just across from the Hitching Post — The Log Cabin Deli.
- (2) Across from Mentone City Hall — The Kountry Chef.
- (3) About two-and-a-half miles down the Parkway — Cragmere Manna.
- (4) Further down the Parkway — DeSoto Restaurant.
- (5) Back on 117 east — Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland, Georgia.

Where to Stay

Call for reservations:
The Mentone Inn — Bed and Breakfast (205) 634-4836.
Cloudmont Golf and Ski Resort and Shady Grove Lodge and Ranch — (205) 634-3841.
Woodhaven Bed and Breakfast in Valley Head (205) 635-6438.

Dates To Remember

JULY 4

HENAGAR

SAND MOUNTAIN POTATO FESTIVAL, CRAFT SHOW AND ANTIQUE CAR SHOW. Henagar Park, Hwy. 75 South—There will be a parade through Henagar ending at the Festival site. The Antique Car Show, Craft Show and old fashioned crafts are featured in the area of a restored 1860s cabin. There will also be live entertainment, games, and a patriotic program with a spectacular fireworks display as the grand finale! 10 a.m.-10:20 p.m. No admission charge. Contact Pam Jenkins, P. O. Box 27, Henagar, 35978. (205) 657-5849 (work) or 657-3827 (home).

Moon Lake Graduation

Moon Lake School graduated 18 boys and girls to seventh grade at their closing graduation program in May. Diplomas and awards were presented by principal Charles O. Bell. Nikki Smith and Curt Miller shared the valedictorian honors and Kerry Blalock and Amy Crane shared the salutatorian honors.

Heather Jackson received a special award for perfect attendance, kindergarten through sixth grade. Teri Campbell was presented the Woodmen of the World award for excellence in history by Ovie Blalock.

Members of this year's graduating class included:

Brian M. Blalock, Kerry A. Blalock, Mark Adam Blalock, Steven Thomas Brown, Theresa A. Brown, Amy Crane, Joshua Derck, Jakie Easler, Johnathan Floyd, Joseph J. Garrett, April Gold, Ginger Gray, Angela Hunt, Corey Ingram, Heather Jackson, Curt Miller, Monique N. Smith and Tonya Turgeon.

Mentone Residents Comment On ONRW

Nearly 100 people attended a public hearing to take public comment on a proposal to designate Little River as an Outstanding National Resource Water last month in Fort Payne. Several Mentone residents who own property along the river participated.

The hearing was held by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and led by James G. Stevens of the office of general council and James McIndoe, chief of ADEM's water quality branch.

Little River is the first body of water in Alabama to be considered for the special classification made possible by recent Environmental Protection Agency legislation. Friends of Little River and DeSoto State Park filed a petition earlier this year requesting ADEM to make revisions in the state code and give Little River the new classification.

An ONRW classification would maintain the existing water quality levels and prohibit new "point source discharge" into the river. Point source discharge has been defined as direct sewerage discharge. The classification would not allow expansion of any existing point source discharge.

Comments from those attending the meeting were mixed both pro and con.

Many of those opposing the ONRW classification feel it will not allow for any sort of development along the river. Bryan Morrison of Mentone who is opposed to the classification said it would "stymie development" along the river.

He commented that he did not feel stricter regulations would stop the guilty parties who are already polluting the river.

A solution, he suggested, is "proper enforcement of present rules and policies."

Charles Landstreet and Bill Scruggs, both of Fort Payne, suggested that the national park question be settled first. Both own property adjoining the river.

A number of local residents and people representing conservation and recreational groups urged adoption of ONRW.

Pete Conroy, head of the Alabama Conservancy said his group's primary interest is in the biological diverse plants and animals in the Little River area. He said they "deserve protection."

Several rare and endangered species call the river home.

James Russell of the DeKalb County Health department also favors ONRW for Little River.

"I've fought many battles to protect this area. I've won some and I've lost some," he said.

Russell feels ONRW would offer the further protection the river needs to fight exploitation.

Ken Burst of the Birmingham Canoe Club who has kayaked on Little River for several years spoke of the national recreational significance of the river. He said there are not very many "clean" rivers left and none in Alabama equivalent to Little River.

Desmond Disney, president of Friends of Little River, said ONRW is a "water quality issue, not a property owner issue."

Mentone residents Max Cash and Dahlen Jones both spoke against ONRW. Mrs. Jones said, "The citizens of Mentone will always protect Little River. We don't need more rules and regulations."

The ADEM official, James Stevens, announced that written comments on the proposed reclassification would be accepted for the record until May 23.

Friday, June 21 A Day of Tribute

For the Families of Alabama's Military Personnel Who Served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

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MENTONE'S

GROUNDHOG

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The deadline for all material for **The Groundhog** is the last day of the month preceding publication.

Dear Editor:

We the Board of Directors of Friends of Little River, Inc. do hereby proclaim the following:

1. That Friends of Little River, Inc., is an organization dedicated to the protection of Little River. This protection is evidenced by participating in halting the construction of a landfill (located at the head waters of Little River, in Chattooga County, Georgia) that would have contaminated Little River. Further protection continues by water quality sampling and surveillance of the river for potential pollution and abuse.

2. That Friends of Little River, Inc. had no part in initiating the investigation or study of a possible National Park by the National Park Service. Congressman Tom Bevill has this distinction. (Our organization did host several public meetings conducted by the National Park Service as a service to the community).

3. That Friends of Little River, Inc. believes a National Recreation Area will be established here at some further date. If so, we are in favor of it provided:

a. No forced acquisition of land be permitted.
b. Careful attention be given by the National Park Service to insure that all land to be included in the park boundaries be acquired fairly to all landowners, regardless of personal, financial or political considerations.
c. Traditional hunting, fishing, canoeing/kayaking/rafting, horseback riding, hiking and other recreational uses be continued.

d. DeSoto State Park (in the areas of the motel, cabins, campground and DeSoto Falls) remain under the ownership and control of the State of Alabama.

e. That the portions of Little River within the proposed National Park boundaries be designated as a Wild and Scenic River.

f. That every effort is made to establish an Environmental Education and Research Center.

g. That in regard to the area contiguous to and outside the boundaries of the National Park, every effort is made to ensure the protection of Little River, its water quality and natural resource.

4. That Friends of Little River will continue to work with the National Park Service on issues that pertain to the protection of Little River and the concerns of the citizens of this area.

Desmond Disney
President



Happenings

By Emily Smith

The young people of Moon Lake Baptist Church will hold a car wash June 29 to raise money for their summer youth activities. They will also be taking orders for doughnuts to be sold on June 22.

A new part-time minister of music and youth, Eddie McPherson will join the staff of Moon Lake Baptist this month.

John and Ann Morrison will be moving from Mentone this month. For the past seventeen years they have operated a Christian conference center at the Lookout Mountain Camp. The free summer day camp program they operated will be missed by area young people this year.

Don't miss the Mentone Craft Festival, June 22. This is always a lot of fun and there are so many great craft items to choose from. It will be held at Brow Park.

Many of the camps will begin their summer sessions this week or next. One of the bonuses for Mentone in the summer is the great group of counselors, mostly young college students who work here each year. Our camps attract very fine young men and women and it is a benefit to our community for them to be here.

Things really pick up at the post office in Mentone when camp is going on. Benny Goss, our postmaster says he handles more mail each day of camp than all the rest of the year combined. Hats off to Benny, Martha Kirby and David Tucker for the great job they do each summer.

Parents will be stopping in Mentone to deliver their children to camp and our traffic increases a little bit. The camp directors let the parents know how much they appreciate the privilege of having the children each summer. We appreciate it also because of the way it enhances Mentone.

If you are in the market for a new car, see Kevin White at the Cade Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge dealership in Trenton. Kevin grew up in Valley Head and lives in Hammondville. He tells us they have a big selection of both new and used cars and is "ready to deal."

The graduates of Valley Head High School enjoyed having Carmen Ayuso, a foreign exchange student from Bilbao, Spain in their class this year. Carmen has been living with Larry and Helen Longshore and will return to Spain in June. Laurie plans to go visit her at her home this summer. Carmen received a special award from Valley Head's principal, Elaine Keith, at Award's Day. We entertained Carmen and her friends at a picnic supper at our home recently.

Area youngsters ages kindergarten through third grade are all invited to the DeKalb County Library in Fort Payne. Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for the summer reading programs. It will be a lot of fun and it is free.

Another great entertainment for both young and old is the swimming pool at DeSoto State Park. It is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and admission is \$2. If you come for the last hour only, you can get in free. The pool is well supervised with life guards and often not crowded on weekdays.

Jumping off the bridge at Alpine seems to be a favorite pastime of some of our local youth. They even wait until late at night to gather at the bridge. Traffic on the bridge can be dangerous and we hope that there will be no injuries this year. Please use caution.

Linda Frith, CLU, Account Representative with Metropolitan Insurance in Gadsden, was recently recognized in Scottsdale, Arizona, as a 1990 qualifier for the company's prestigious President's Conference. Linda was also recognized as being MetLife's top producing agent only regional winner of the company's Multiline Award. The Multiline Award recognizes top producers in more than one financial area; in this case, life and annuity sales. The Frith's are part-time residents of Mentone.

Adults Go Back To School In Summer

There's no better time than right now to attend an adult education class. Summertime is here, and it's a great time to refresh yourself. The classes are all self-paced and taught on an individual basis. You start at whatever level on which you are currently operating, and there is no pressure of keeping up with your classmates. You will make many new friends and find it personally rewarding to be learning many new things and acquiring needed skills. Anyone 18 years of age or older is welcome to attend these classes. High school graduates may attend for review. You may enroll at any time by attending the class most convenient to you.

Valley View

By Eloise M. Brown

The Sunshine Club met with Billie Harper, May 30. Gladys Cobble gave the opening prayer and Sue Cooper gave the devotional. Others present were Willie Mae Palmer, Geraldine Hawkins, Ruth Pickett, Vernice Young, Bobbie Broyles, Lorene Gothard, Addie Hall, Bess Bauerle, Karen Freeman, Jean Jones, Eloise Brown and guests Olga Kenyon, Anita Hulgan, Eric White and Heather Harper. Karen read notes of appreciation from DeKalb 4-H'ers for our helping with refreshments for their public speaking program at Rainville. Gladys Cobble was auctioneer for a "White Elephant" sale. August 23 was set as a tentative date for our picnic at Ruth Pickett's. Our summer meetings will start at 2 p.m.

Sue and Ed Jones and Doris and Jim Carmichael went to Adairsville, N. C. They saw the Biltmore Estate. They said the flowers were gorgeous.

Mickey Cobble of Chattanooga, Tenn., spent Mother's Day with his mother, Gladys Cobble.

Mary Taylor's daughter, Sandra Dearman, from Chattanooga, Tenn., visited her mother.

Olene Roberts spent Mother's Day with her son, John Roberts, his wife, Diane and children in Cullman.

Happy holidays to Edna Morgan who has retired after 25 years as Home Economics teacher at Valley Head.

Lucy and John Ricketts of Tuscaloosa are spending a week with their grandparents, Doris and Jim Carmichael, while their parents, Emmy and Mark, are on a trip. Lucy will attend Bible School with her cousin, Katy Thomas.

Peachie and David Cearley came from Houston and took Peachie's mother, Laura Margaret Allison, on a tour of Kentucky. They visited the Old Kentucky Home, Horse Park, Calumet Farm, historic Cumberland Gap Park and other points of interest.

The U.M.W. of Valley Head met at my home, May 28, with Geraldine Hawkins as co-hostess. Others present were Adelaide Biddle, Elizabeth Coleman, Frances Longshore, Mary Frances Tate, Brownie Tuttle, Helen White and, Venna Livingston, who taught the Bible study. I know that everyone in this vicinity will regret to hear of the death of Robert (Lefty) Johnson in Gadsden, on May 5. He and his wife, Charlie Nell, taught at Valley Head in the 40's. Sincere sympathy to the family.

Geraldine and Howard Hawkins attended the Decoration at Beulah's Chapel at Cartersville. On the way home, they visited Virginia and James Adams at Ider. James was ill.

Our pastor, Jeff Adkins, has returned home from a trip to New Orleans. He saw the French Market, which he found interesting, and drank some of that strong coffee that makes your hair stand on end. He looked the French Quarter over and Bourbon St. He heard some good old fashioned Jazz, but summed it up as "A good illustration of Light and Darkness." He said he spent most of his time there studying. Jeff was the speaker at the Valley Head Decoration.

"The lazy, hazy days of Summer." Don't you wish you could be lazy instead of trying to keep up with the grass and other chores — O, well, it's very, very nice anyway!

The classes are offered FREE by the Northeast Alabama Area Adult Education Program, and the books and materials are free for you to use. After successfully completing the GED Test, you are awarded a high school equivalency certificate. That certificate can open many doors of opportunity, since it qualifies you for college entrance, civil service, technical training, job training, job advancement, and armed services.

For further information, you may call one of the numbers listed below, or you may contact your local board of education or the Adult Education Coordinator in Fort Payne at 845-0465 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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June Jam Activities Calendar

Tuesday, June 11 — WFPA "Salute to Alabama" Parade, followed by the WQRX Street Dance on Gault Avenue, beginning at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12 — Bus Tours begin, departing from the Alabama Fan Club & Museum at 9 a.m. The tours carry groups to see the highlights in Fort Payne, Valley Head and on Lookout Mountain. Tours offered through Friday, June 14.

June Jam Gospel Singing — At Fort Payne City Park, beginning at 5 p.m. The singing is hosted by WZOB and the Premiers, who will perform along with Gold City, The Wilburns, Heavenbound, Johnny Minick Family, Jack Clark, and Karen Peck & New River. There is no admission. Seating is limited, so lawn chairs are advisable. The Jaycees will serve barbecue.

Thursday, June 13: Taco Bell/Chamber of Commerce VIP Softball Game — To be held at the City Athletic Field beginning at 7 p.m. Celebrities and local VIPS will take on members of Alabama, including Randy Owen and Teddy Gentry. Admission is \$5 or free with Jam ticket.

Friday, June 14: Randy Owen Celebrity Golf Tournament — Begins at 1 p.m. at Terrapin Hills. Admission is \$5 or free with Jam ticket. Spectators are welcome.

Pre-Jam Dance — Finalists in the second annual June Jam Talent Search will compete at 7 p.m. in the National Guard Armory. Admission is \$5.

Saturday, June 15: June Jam X — The charity concert begins at 10 a.m. with a lineup that includes Clint Black, Alan Jackson, Ricky Van Shelton, Garth Brooks, and Alabama. Gates will open at 7 a.m. behind Fort Payne High School. Tickets cost \$25 each, and parking is \$3.

Sunday, June 16: "Jeff Cook Celebrity Bass Tournament" at Goose Pond Colony in Scottsboro. Free admission with Jam ticket.

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From The Pastor's Study . . .

By The Rev. Jeff Adkins
Mentone and Valley Head United Methodist Churches

A regular feature from the Mentone Ministerial Association

Nature is so interesting. I like to watch the nature shows on television about animals and geography. Better yet, it is even more interesting to watch the nature around here. It's fascinating to watch the change of seasons and the characteristics of each season, such as cool nights and dogwood blooms.

This is such a flowering part of the world. Everything is so colorful. Green thumbs, like Ann Wright, could open their own Botanical Gardens. If one would take the time, he could see God's handiwork evident all about. When God makes something, He makes it wonderful.

Each season displays its best, much like the family art is displayed on grandmother's refrigerator. It is possible to look at our fellow man and his politics, pursuits, and

empires and become disillusioned at times. If we take time to notice God's work around us, we must realize that this untainted beauty didn't just happen. This is cause for joy, this Divine design and purpose in life.

It is also cause for self-reflection. Paul, in his letter to the Christians at Rome, used the example of creation as an example of God's clear declaration of Himself to humanity. This brings forth the accountability that we have in deciding our response to God.

Enjoying God's creation is wonderful but it doesn't establish fellowship with God. The Bible is clear. The only way to have fellowship with God is through Jesus Christ (John 14:6). Paul's words to the Christians at Rome are as clear. Since God has made Himself so very evident, if we neglect to seek His fellowship we face judgment with no excuse.

Enjoy God's handiwork. Let it be a reminder of His love and presence. Most important, though, is to enjoy His fellowship through Jesus Christ.

Town Council Notes: Russell Resigns

The Mentone Town Council accepted "with regret" the resignation of council member Bill Russell at their regular monthly meeting. Russell's term would have expired in October, 1992, and will be filled by appointment.

The council approved a resolution calling on Mentone residents to fly the American flag on June 21 in honor of Alabama's Desert Storm veterans.

They approved the use of Brow Park as a registration point for a county wide bike race, July 19. Tutweiler Gap will be closed that day from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the safety of the racers in a time trial event.

The council went on record as opposing the designation of Little River as an Outstanding National Resource Water. In a letter to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, they said, "We don't want any additional rules and regulations imposed on us. We want to be able to continue to enjoy and exercise the rights we have as of right now."

They went on to say in their letter, "We feel the Town of Mentone and its citizens have done an excellent job in helping keep the West Fork of Little River clean and pure. We are going to continue to do our best to keep it from being polluted."

The town repaired the water line along DeSoto Falls Road three times last month. Damage was done when Sand Mountain Electric Co-op cleared the power line right of way. Heavy rains had saturated the ground and the Co-op's equipment broke the four-inch line in three places. The town is seeking compensation from Sand Mountain to help with the expense of the repairs.

The next scheduled council meeting is Monday, July 1, 7 p.m. at town hall.

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Lookout Mountain Camping Association Directory

The Lookout Mountain Camping Association is made up of camps in the Mentone, Alabama and Cloudland, Georgia area. The camps offer summer programs for children as well as year round camp and retreat opportunities for school, church and other groups.

CAMP DeSOTO

DeSoto is a private Christian camp for girls ages 8 through 16. Two one-month sessions are offered in summer. Activities include tennis, riding, swimming, canoeing, crafts, team sports, riflery, archery, dramatics, glee club, dance, aerobics, rock climbing, nature and photography.

Contact: Sue Henry
Camp DeSoto
Mentone, AL 35984
(205) 634-3411

COMER SCOUT RESERVATION

Camp Comer is owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America and the Choccolocco Council servicing 11 counties in Northeast Alabama. It is located on DeSoto Parkway in Mentone on 1,193 acres including two lakes. Some of the activities offered are sailing, canoeing, swimming, crafts, archery and riflery. Scout certification, ropes course and camp craft skills are also available. Comer is open year round to Scout groups except Christmas and Thanksgiving.

Contact: Mickey Bobo
Comer Scout Reservation
Mentone, AL 35984
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Contact: Polly Cameron or Marty Griffin
Camp Saddle Rock for Girls
Mentone, AL 35984
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Ponderosa Bible Camp is owned and operated by CBM Ministries, Inc. and located on 80 wooded acres 5 miles north of Mentone on Little River. The facilities feature a new insulated multi-purpose gym/chapel, large swimming pool, rustic cabins, and athletic field. Week-long programs are offered for elementary, middle, and senior high students. Partial scholarships are available through Bible correspondence lessons. Rental inquiries are welcome, reasonable rates, year round.

Contact: Glenn Miller
Ponderosa Bible Camp
Mentone, AL 35984
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ALPINE CAMP FOR BOYS

Alpine was founded in 1959 and is owned and operated by Dick and Alice O'Ferrall. They offer a general camp program with one two week session and two four week sessions each summer. The camp also is available for use year round by small groups. The camp program is staffed by an outstanding group of carefully selected college men. It is Alpine's goal to allow young boys to grow and develop physically, mentally, spiritually and socially in the caring Christian environment the camp provides.

Contact: Dick O'Ferrall
Alpine Camp for Boys
Mentone, AL 35984
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VALLEY VIEW RANCH

Since 1954, the purpose of Valley View Ranch for Girls has been to help each rancher have the full opportunity of horsemanship through Camp Horsemanship Association certified instruction, time in the saddle on trails, and the care and responsibility of having her own horse. In addition, a well-rounded recreational program including sports, swimming, canoeing, crafts, tennis, archery, gymkhanas, and horseshoes are offered. Ranchers aged 6-17 are eligible and enrollment is limited to 75.

Contact: Nancy Jones
HC 65, Box 506
Cloudland, GA 30731
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SKYLINE RANCH

Skyline Ranch for Girls: for adventure, inspiration, character and confidence building, with quality Christian leadership. The facilities include a 40 acre lake and a swimming pool. Activities cover a wide variety of interests: riding, swimming, tennis, canoeing, gymnastics, ropes course, land sports, sailing, computers, archery, crafts, chorus, drama, dance, nature, cheerleading and optional campouts and trips to nearby attractions.

Contact: Susan Hooks
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Contact: Rob Hammond
Camp Laney
Mentone, AL 35984
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Camp Cooking

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CHICKEN-RICE CASSEROLE

1½ gallons uncooked rice (cook according to directions)
6 cans chicken soup
6 cans boned chicken
5 pounds grated cheese
Layer rice, soup and chicken, ending with soup. Top with cheese. Bake until hot and bubble throughout. Serves 250 persons. (From Camp Laney).

PONDEROSA'S HOMEMADE YEAST ROLLS

8 tablespoons yeast
2¼ quarts water
7 quarts flour
1½ cups sugar
½ cup salt
1½ cups shortening

Dissolve yeast in water, add melted shortening, sugar, salt and pat of flour. Mix and add more flour until dough leaves side of bowl and is not sticky. Put in greased pans to rise. Let rise until double — one hour. Form into rolls and put on greased pans. Lightly butter tops. Let rise about 1 hour. Bake at 325 degrees until browned. Serves 120 people.

PONDEROSA'S STICKY BUNS

¾ cup water
½ cup brown sugar
¼ stick butter

Melt the above in a saucepan. Using the dough from Ponderosa's Yeast Roll receipt, after the dough rises the first time, roll out the dough and spread with melted butter, sugar and water. Sprinkle on raisins if desired. Roll up the dough, jelly roll fashion and cut in 1 inch slices. Place in greased pans, allow to rise and bake at 325 degrees until done.

KENTUCKY DERBY CHOCOLATE PIE

2 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 stick margarine, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup flour
1 6-ounce package chocolate chips, partially melted
½ cup chopped pecans

Beat eggs until blended; add sugar. Heat until thick; add butter and vanilla. Gradually add flour, beating well. Stir in chips and nuts. Pour in unbaked pie shell. Bake 350 degrees 30 minutes. Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped topping. (Makes three pies when doubled).



PERCHERONS START OUT SMALL but will grow to be large draft horses. Ed Jones is training the horses with the help of L. M. Flannigan, his assistant from Mentone.

CHEESY LASAGNA

1½ pounds ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped green pepper
1 (28-ounce) can tomatoes, undrained and chopped
3 (8-ounce) cans tomato sauce
½ teaspoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon dried whole basil
2 tablespoons dried whole oregano
½ teaspoon seasoned salt
4 bay leaves
½ pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
9 lasagna noodles
1 egg, beaten
2 cups cottage cheese
2 cups (8-ounces) mozzarella cheese, shredded and divided
1 (14-ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
1 (6-ounce) can pitted ripe olives, drained and sliced
1 cup (4-ounces) Swiss cheese, shredded
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cook ground beef, onion, and green pepper in a large Dutch oven until meat is browned, stirring to crumble meat; drain. Stir in tomatoes and next six ingredients; reduce heat, and simmer 1 hour or until sauce thickens, stirring occasionally. Remove bay leaves.

Saute mushrooms in butter; drain. Set aside. Cook lasagna noodles according to package directions; drain. Set aside. Combine egg and cottage cheese, mixing well; set aside.

Spread one-third of sauce in a lightly greased 13x9x2-inch baking dish. Arrange eight lasagna noodles on sauce. Layer 1 cup mozzarella cheese, cottage cheese mixture over noodles. Top with 3 lasagna noodles. Spoon one-third of sauce over noodles. Layer mushrooms, artichoke hearts, and ripe olives. Arrange 3 lasagna noodles, Swiss cheese, remaining mozzarella, and sauce in dish. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes; uncover. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese, and bake an additional 10 to 15 minutes. Let stand 15 minutes. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

(From Lookout Mountain Christian Conference Center).



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They clean the barn and have the horses ready for the first activity period at 9:15 a.m. Each activity period is 50 minutes long with a 15 minute break between each. Throughout the morning Ed and M. keep busy helping the staff, changing and adjusting tack. At noon they water the horses again and late in the day, feed and water them. He says he usually gets finished around 6:30 or 7 p.m. "Taking care of 25-26 horses is a full day's job," he says.

The campers soon pick out favorite horses and Ed says they like to give them names. Big Red, Trouble, Alp, Ghost, Shotgun, Prince and, Mitzi are just a few.

The girls start out the summer riding in the ring to learn the fundamentals then the staff determines when they are ready to go on trail rides. Safety rules are posted and set by the camp. Campers are not allowed to go to the barn without a staff member and no "hollering" is allowed near the barn. The girls are all required to wear safety helmets when they ride.

When camp is not in session, Ed is still busy with his horses. He is active in the Alabama Wagon Train and drove a wagon from Mentone to Boaz and down to Montgomery in the spring. He said the trip took 10 days.

He has a pair of Belgian draft horses and is training a young pair of Percherons along with M.

The Alabama Wagon Train is an activity of the Sand Mountain Saddle Club and the Trail Riders Association.

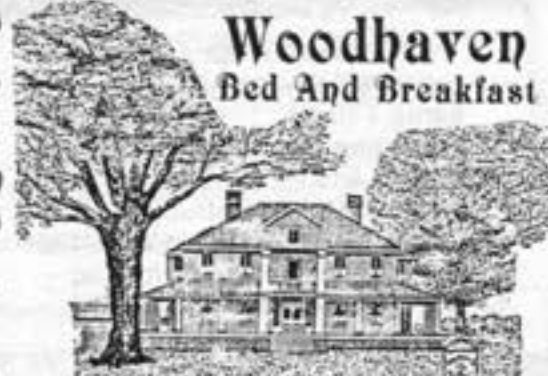
Most of the horses Ed has now are ones he raised although he goes to horse auctions and shows and does buy new horses. The average low price for a horse is \$500 but, according to blood lines and training, the price can go much higher.

He takes care of most of the horse's common ailments himself and says colic is probably the most common problem he sees. The treatment is much the same as for a baby with colic, they have to be walked.

When Ed was growing up as the youngest member of his family, he had two brothers and two sisters. Colquitt is the oldest and also works at Camp DeSoto. He was a fireman in Birmingham for 40 years and is a former Mentone police officer and currently a Deputy Sheriff. Another brother, Lovejoy is deceased but raised Tennessee Walking Horses in Huntsville.

Elizabeth Romans, Ed's sister, lives in Mentone in the house where she grew up. Another sister, Mary Louise Cauthen, lives in Rome, Georgia.

Ed is the only member of his family who rides now. His sister, Elizabeth he says, never liked to ride and Colquitt he says is "too contrary to ride."



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SEEING DOUBLE? These sets of twins attend camp at Saddle Rock Camp for Girls.



CAMP COMER'S STAFF: (From left) Wilber Cowert, Moran Colburn, Gene Wright, James Jones and Langley Hamby.

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Camp DeSoto: Sunday lunch with fried chicken, rice and gravy, corn on the cob, English peas, rolls, and pear half with cottage cheese.

Camp Saddle Rock for Girls: Taco salad, chicken fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli with cheese, cheesecake.

Camp Laney: Brownies, chicken fingers, corn, green beans.

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Juliette Low: Campers love pizza and "Dot" rolls. Alumni love the chicken and rice casserole.

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Our Town

With Linda Brown

When I attended Valley Head High School, my best friend lived in Mentone. During the summer before we were Juniors, she worked for a summer camp. She came back to school that fall with what was almost a horror story. She said that she had to work long hours, get to work before daylight and stay until after dark and was paid very little. It was the first time I had heard of summer camps. I didn't think much more about this until I moved to Mentone many years later. The talk among the local people was almost the same story she had told — long hours, hard work and low pay.

As the years progressed and my children began to grow up, the story changed. They and their friends worked for the camps. We met many young people from other areas of the country who were in Mentone with the camps. They all spoke of camp as being a nice place. The atmosphere of loving care was being passed on to the people who worked there. Summer camps were beginning to look more like an asset to Mentone.

After my children had moved away from home, I accepted a "winter job" with one of the camps. I found it to be very enjoyable. The work was not hard and the pay was fair. The director was a joy to work for. This job was phased out because of modern technology.

Later, I was serving on a committee with Rob Hammond and casually mentioned that I was available to work if he needed help at Camp Laney. I started to help with mailing and other extra work. One day Rob bought a computer and asked if I wanted to learn to use it.

I said "NO!" He didn't listen; he put that computer and me in a room together and left. My curiosity got the best of me. I wanted to know how it worked. But, even with a good instruction book and a support system, I made a lot of mistakes. One day I put an overpayment of \$500 in the accounts of 450 campers!!!

Now I do most of the office work at Camp Laney. This is a good vantage point to see what really goes on behind the scenes. I know the directors of all the camps in Mentone. They are loving and caring people.

Summer camps provide positions for many Mentone people. Many are employed full-time by the camps and lots more work in the summer. The camps help economic growth by the trade they do locally and the money spent by the many parents who bring children to camp.

The camps are always ready to help community causes. The directors and their staffs are cooperative and care about the welfare of Mentone and its people. They are truly an asset to Mentone. This summer I hope that everyone is a "Happy Camper."



LINDA BROWN AT WORK AT CAMP LANEY. Linda, the author of the Groundhog's "Our Town" column enjoys her work at Camp Laney.

What's An Iboo?

By Marty Griffin
Director, Camp Saddle Rock

One question I am often asked by parents and friends is, "How did you get interested in camping as a profession?" Until a couple of years ago I always answered that my interest in camping began during my summers between college semesters. Not until I met "Iboo" did I realize my love for what I do began much earlier.

It was the closing night of the last session of camp. For camp directors and their staffs the last session always brings with it a mixture of emotions . . . not only do we say goodbye to our campers but we must also say goodbye to one another. It is a time when I also recall the little everyday successes and failures of children growing up away from home. Helping children grow is a serious business and at the end of each summer our camping staff's hearts and minds are filled with poignant memories. I can still remember the impact my own camping days had on me. I always hope and pray my counselors and I have done our best and that, as we work with our campers we remain aware of the influence we have on their lives.

It was with these thoughts going through my mind that I left my cabin at dusk and headed to the water front for our closing candlelight ceremony. Numerous parents had come to camp that night to enjoy this special evening with their daughters and I was talking with several of them as we walked down the road. One of my campers from Mobile approached me with her parents in tow anxious to introduce us. Even though she had camped with us for

several years, this was her parents' first pilgrimage to Mentone and Saddle Rock. As they approached, Buffy said, "Marty, I want you to meet my Mom and Dad; this is Elizabeth and John Green." As we shook hands, Buffy's mother was quick to tell her that she was called "Iboo." We began to talk and I told her the only other "Iboo" I had ever known was my counselor at Camp Grandview. "Her name was Iboo Marks," I said, "and she was the best counselor I ever had." Mrs. Green smiled, looked me square in the eyes and said, "Marty I am Iboo Marks!" I guess I looked at her as though I had seen Elvis Presley. At forty-two I had come face to face with one of my childhood heroines. The feeling was, as the kids say today, AWESOME. For a brief moment I was eleven years old again and having the time of my life at summer camp. Iboo Marks was fun to have as a counselor and she was also firm and fair. She took a personal interest in every camper in her cabin. She listened, she shared, she encouraged; she was our friend and confidant. Iboo was a wonderful role model for a mischievous group of pre-adolescents. Over the years when I have talked to my counselors about what a good role model is Iboo has always come to mind. If all campers could have an "Iboo" as a counselor I know the world would be a better place.

Thirty plus years ago I never dreamed I would one day own and direct a camp. I never expected to see Iboo again much less have her daughter as one of my campers. I do know that my enjoyment of camp as a child and the growth I experienced there helped steer me toward my profession. I do know that Iboo played a part in that and I do know that the influence we as camp professionals have sometimes comes full circle.



QUEEN ANNE'S LACE adorns the Mentone landscape in summer.

DeSoto State Park Offerings

Ken Thomas, Naturalist at DeSoto State Park presented a program on Owls common to North Alabama. This interpretive program covered Hunting Techniques of Owls, Nesting Habits, Identification and Life History. Plans for construction of Owl Nest Boxes were available at the presentation. The program was held in the DeSoto State Park Nature Center Saturday, June 8, at 2 p.m. More programs are planned for the public this summer. For more information, please contact Ken Thomas at DeSoto State Park. Phone (205) 845-0051.

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Country Journal

By Bernise Crow

Nothing could be finer than being at Mentone on a clear June morning! The sweet mountain breezes are not to be excelled anywhere. No wonder people have always flocked to the mountain in the summer.

When I was younger I wondered why so many tourists were attracted to this area. It seems we have to grow older in order to appreciate the finer things of life. The clear skies, and the soft gentle breeze today would make one want to linger here forever.

May was a most busy time for most of us. There are so many activities in our area that we have to choose which ones to pursue. Our Rhododendron Festival keeps those of us in M.A.P.A. busy. We actually work on it, to some degree, from the first of January. Letters have to be sent to crafts people, and different chairman selected to fill posts of duty. Free advertising in periodicals may be had if sent to them four months in advance.

The beauty pageant takes all my free time, and it is just a small one for our local girls. But, to me it is the highlight of our spring festivities. The south has always been noted for its beautiful girls, and this area is no exception.

This year Billy McDow, who was one of the judges, said all the girls should be winners. They were truly a lovely sight when all of them lined up for a final appearance before the judges. I get goose pimples and misty-eyed when I see beauty anywhere, and there is nothing to surpass the loveliness of young girls, dressed in their best, and with a bright future ahead of them.

Our own Janet Hutcherson was the queen, and we were very proud of her. Of course her Dad, Terry, was a little proud of her, as well as her stepmother Dorma. Congratulations to all of you.

Homer and I were happy to have our granddaughter, Lisa, enter. She didn't place, but was happy for the experience, and the privilege of coming for the weekend and being with her friends. She and Janet have been best friends for a long time. So she is happy that her friend won.

All eight contestants rode in the parade Saturday, and were a nice attraction dressed in sports clothes. Thanks to Jack Jones for arranging the parade, even if he did miss the main part of it! He rode Hazel, his lazy mule that won the "Lazy Mule" contest in Gadsden recently. He and a few other riders had a second parade. John Cooper was resplendent in his English derby, driving his Rolls Royce with the steering wheel on the wrong side! And I want to thank Crystal Cook for driving her little red convertible in the parade, and having Janet, Lisa and Jennifer Miller ride with her.

A special "thank you" to Mr. Frank Helderman, Jr., publisher of the Gadsden Times, for being our emcee for the pageant. He did a splendid job interviewing the contestants. And Dorma Hutcherson almost single-handedly decorated the stage at the Hitching Post, making it look quite festive. She used bunting material that Bruce Bon Fleur used one year to drape the utility poles on the parade route. The colors are very much like those of our beautiful native rhododendron.

Jan White gathered greenery and flowers for several arrangements, and served as a judge. Peaches Middlebrooks, of Fort Payne, was the third judge. I appreciate so much all of them taking their time out of a busy schedule to do this for us. And I appreciate our son, Barry Crow, for driving down from Chattanooga after a hard day's work, to play the piano for the pageant. Shurlee Froehner helped me clean, and is always a dependable friend to fill in where needed. Oh, and thanks to Frank Hall for serving as escort for the girls, and presenting them to the judges.

Just as the last contestant had been presented, a large clap of thunder shook the rafters and the lights went out, leaving us in total darkness. Homer and I hunted candles, and borrowed flashlights — and we crowned the queen with a flashlight lighting her way down the aisle! The girls shrieked and of course loved it. We had just gotten everyone safely downstairs when the power returned. What a fun evening.

The girls came back on Sunday afternoon, and were presented to the crowd at Mentone by Tony Goggans, who sang and entertained as he has done for five years or more.

Homer and Lane Traylor kept the pontoon boats running Saturday and Sunday at DeSoto Falls. The ride takes about a thirty minute trip up the river, and the beautiful rhododendron and mountain laurel put on a show this year, not to be outdone in any previous year, they said. I did not get to take the ride — it was just too busy on the square.

Harrell Jenkins bought many rhododendron plants to sell at the festival, and that is good for those of us who want to add a few more to our collection. Don Castleberry and Terry Hutcherson handled sale of the plants most of the day Saturday. We had about 25 of the plants left, and M.A.P.A. donated them to the Rhododendron Garden Club to plant along the bike path. Those we planted earlier this year (Mae Hilburn had a man plant them) bloomed and were beautiful large plants. Our garden club president, Hope Walker, and her husband, George, worked most of one day cleaning, mowing, and using the weed eater along the path. Ann and Billy Wright did the planting of the rhododendron — all 25 of them. And it really looked good. Sherman and Mickey Gough and I assisted also.

Sherman and Mickey handled quilt tickets for the lovely quilt we raffled, and worked very hard at it for two months — going to Wal-Mart in Fort Payne and Summerville some of the time. Hats off to them. They are a wonderful asset to our community, and I am glad they live near us! Some mornings I join them when they and Joysell Webb take their daily walk around the loop by our house.

We have been criticized by many folks in Mentone because of M.A.P.A., and I remain puzzled by it. We have only done things to benefit the community. I cannot see,

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RHODOENDRON QUEEN AND COURT — Janet Hutcherson (far right) is the 1991 Rhododendron Queen shown here with her court from right: Leslie Gunn, Valley Head; Heather Smith, Trion; and, Christy Tillman, Mentone.



EUNICE KEPT FESTIVAL VISITORS LAUGHING in the Rhododendron Festival parade. Eunice (alias Candy Hanson), the outrageous comic character, is always a hit.



RHODOENDRON SALES were brisk at the Rhododendron Festival last month. Don Castleberry (right) and Terry Hutcherson kept customers happy with the mountain plants under the big tent.

for the life of me, what the complaints are really about. Some of us work awfully hard to bring about this criticism. We got a traffic light installed at the square; we got street signs installed; we assisted in getting the rock wall repaired one year; we built the bike path, and helped landscape it; we helped repair the covered picnic area at the brow park; we contribute to the volunteer fire department; Moon Lake School, and other charitable things.

We have many goals in mind that cost more money than we have been able to raise with our two festivals a year — but we are working on it. We want to preserve historical things of the area, and enhance those we do have. We have cleaned a mile of 117, according to the Adopt-A-Mile program. We would like to buy a building, or build one, to house a museum.

I have the old pump organ, a trunk, and a dining table that belonged to Alice Mason O'Rear, the lady who named Mentone. These will go into the museum. I believe James B. Whitehead has her wedding gown that he would donate to a museum. Her wedding reception was held in the ball room of the Mentone Springs Hotel in 1885 — a year after it was built. Her brother, Edward Mason, laid

out the streets of Mentone, and named them.

This is a history that I love. I love the old hotel and would do anything possible to get it restored. It is the most fascinating building in the county, and possibly the state. Many people express the desire to see it restored as a hotel, with a good restaurant.

We need a community building where conventions could be held, with facilities for putting them up for the night. We have a lovely place here that needs to be in operation. There is no way we will develop into a large corporation — we do not have space. But we could improve what we have, and give it new life. Nobody loves Mentone better than I, believe me. Please examine what we are doing, and I think you will see that our intentions are good. We need your help. Good cooperation can accomplish good for all of us.

As a postscript, I would like to add that M.A.P.A. paid for renovation of the town meeting room, with help from the garden club, who furnished the draperies, and I believe the Crafts Assn. paid for the carpet. We bought the new refrigerator and range in the kitchen, in addition to renovation.

Mentone Camps Go Beyond Summer

When you think of camp, you probably think of lots of children, swimming, canoeing, learning archery and riflery and of campfires and sleeping in open air cabins. Camps in the Mentone area offer all that and more.

Many of our camps operate year round with programs for school children and adults.

Camp Alpine has hosted the Audubon Mountain Workshop in May for several years. Professional staff led small groups of classes on topics such as birdwatching, wildflowers, aquatic insects and the geology of Alabama. The workshop usually draws 150 to 200 people for the four days.

Alpine also has groups of school children from Birmingham and Fort Payne who learn about the ecology and environment of Northeast Alabama. The Birmingham groups stay overnight at the camp, Fort Payne students come for the day.

Lookout Mountain Camp for Boys will be offering Nature's Classroom courses this fall. Nature's Classroom is based in Nashville, Tenn., and provides teachers for school groups. They will use the Camp as a big outdoor classroom.

Ponderosa Bible Camp schedules and serves guest rental groups for "do-it-yourself" day camps and retreats. The heated, insulated multi-purpose gymnasium with dormitories, bat and dressing rooms and a complete kitchen and insulated dining room allow them to operate year round. Last year they served about 32 rental groups and 1,115 people.

Ponderosa operates their summer programs a little differently than the other camps. Eighteen T.E.A.M. (Teens Excited About Ministry) members volunteered two or more weeks last summer to help in the dining room, with maintenance and other activities. Each week Ponderosa has a speaker and a missionary who participate in the camp program.

They will operate their summer camp program for six weeks this year and the theme is "A Pilgrim's Progress: Life's Greatest Journey."

"Our desire is to warn, encourage and help campers progress through the many pitfalls and battles of life we face as 'Pilgrims,'" commented Glenn Miller, Ponderosa's director.

Gov. Hunt Asks Support For SADD

Gov. Guy Hunt recently signed a proclamation urging all Alabamians to support "Students Against Driving Drunk" in their efforts to reduce injuries and loss of life caused by drinking and driving and illegal drug use.

"Accidents and illnesses caused by drinking and driving and illegal drug use are some of the top causes of death among young people," Gov. Hunt said. "Students Against Driving Drunk was founded in 1981 to educate students about the tragic results of using drugs and drinking and driving. The decision to resist peer pressure and say 'no' to alcohol and drugs is a choice that could mean the difference between life for death. I commend the hundreds of students who have taken a stand to let their peers know that when they say 'no' to alcohol and drugs that they stand with hundreds who have made the same wise decision."

SADD will place special emphasis during May and June on urging their peers to abstain from drinking and driving and illegal drug use during prom and graduation activities.



AWARD WINNING BRIDGE DESIGN. Sixth graders in Mrs. Joanne Durham's class at Fort Payne Middle school worked in teams on a bridge building project. The winning bridge team included from left Matt Hood, Jonathan Clifton, Stephen Smith, Jeremy Moses, and Whitney Evans. Stephen is the son of Emily and Tim Smith of Mentone. Mrs. Durham (right) is retiring this year.

Thank You Lord For Alpine

For rapids that flow
Blueberries that grow
The friends that I know,
Thank you, Lord.

For stars in the sky
The Fourth of July
Catching a pop fly,
Thank you, Lord.

For Tree and his bell
The wilderness trail
The truck (when it's well),
Thank you, Lord.

For extra ice cream
The songs that we sing
The scream machine,
Thank you, Lord.

For the blessings each day
You most graciously give
For Your Son who died
That I might live —
And one more thing
That I've got on my mind,
Thank you, Lord, for ALPINE.

For beautiful sights
And working flashlights
On dark overnights,
Thank you, Lord.

For games that we played
A rest in the shade
The lanyard I made,
Thank you, Lord.

For times we slept late
The cheesecake we ate
My counselor's dates,
Thank you, Lord.

For reveille's call
The log cabin walls
And slaughter ball,
Thank you, Lord.

For fields to roam
And letters from home
The sun when it shone,
Thank you, Lord.

For Mr. "O's" brow
And hot water now!
Mrs. Crow and her chow,
Thank you, Lord.

For all good gifts
You send from above
To demonstrate to us
Your perfect love —
So, to sum it all up what I've
Got on my mind,
Thank you, Lord, for ALPINE.

L. Ozier, Staff '79
B. Ross, Staff '79

(Editor's Note: This poem written by two members of the Alpine Camp Staff sums up the feelings of many young people about summer camp in Mentone).



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Pack Your Trunk For Camp

(Suggestions from Camp Laney)

There is no need to buy new clothes for camp. Since camp is fun and casual, campers' clothing should suit the experience. All clothes need to be well-marked, with name tapes or indelible ink on easy-to-find places: on socks, outside under the long arch of the foot; on pants, in the middle of the waistband at the inside back; on shirts, in the inside center of the collar (where labels are); on linens, in a corner. Be sure to mark everything, including shoes, hats, camera, toothbrush, etc. Unmarked clothing will not be sent to the laundry.

Following is a suggestion list of what to bring to camp. Remember that this is only a suggestion list. Send what you think your child will need during the two weeks he is in camp.

- 1 pair long pants (for dance)
- 2 pairs long pants or blue jeans (for riding or hiking)
- 6 pairs play shorts
- 8 pairs underwear
- 8 pairs socks (white preferred)
- 8 T-shirts
- 2 cotton sweatshirts
- 1 sport shirt (for dance)
- 1 woolen sweater or jacket
- 2 bathing shorts
- 2 pairs pajamas
- 4 sheets (for single bed)
- 2 blankets
- 2 pairs tennis shoes
- 1 pair leather shoes with heels or boots for riding
- 1 pair flip-flops or aqua socks
- 6 medium bath towels
- 2 wash cloths
- 2 pillow cases
- 1 pillow
- 1 plastic drinking cup
- 1 canteen
- 1 toothbrush and toothpaste
- 1 soap case and soap
- 2 laundry bags (one to send laundry in and one for dirty clothes)
- 1 rain coat
- 1 flashlight
- 1 tennis racket and tennis balls (these are provided at camp)
- 1 baseball glove (need not bring other baseball equipment)

The following optional things may be desired at camp. Camera (with film and flashcubes)

Sleeping bag (for overnight trips)

We suggest enough changes of clothing for about ten days wear because of laundry scheduling (once for two-week campers). Old clothes are good for camp! The camp cannot be responsible for lost clothes.

If you can buy or borrow a duffie bag, do so. They are perfect to ship blankets, sheets, and towels in. Send your other things in a footlocker, if possible. A large suitcase is also suitable. No steamer trunks! Make a list of everything sent to camp and paste it on the inside of the footlocker lid.

Living out of a footlocker calls for experience. Why not give your child a week's practice at home before he goes to camp? You'll be surprised how much this will mean!

Campers Come From Near And Far

Mentone may be a small dot on some maps but, summer campers arrive on Lookout Mountain from near and far.

Pierre Delfosse from Nevilly, France is a camper at Laney. Susan Hooks, director of Skyline Ranch hosts campers from Japan and France and from as far away in the United States as Alaska and Washington State.

Although most of the camp population is drawn from the Southeast, Saddlerock is the summer address for the Rosenbaum sisters, Amy and Margaret of Puerto Rico. The Hoehn sisters travel from San Diego, California to Camp DeSoto each summer.

Many second and third generation campers come to Mentone each year.

"We call them 'gran-campers'" said Skyline's director Susan Hooks.

She commented the camping "network" is huge. Many friendships are renewed each summer when parents who first came to Mentone as campers bring their own children to camp in the summer.

"Sometimes when a parent is watching a camp video they will see another parent they knew from camp or school," Susan Hooks said.

Local camps have an excellent camper return rate, as high as 75 percent a year. The camps also have a high return rate on their staffs each summer. Juliette Low is welcoming back almost "100 percent" of their staff this year according to Peggy Holbrook.

Juliette Low also has some "international" counselors, this year ones from Scotland and New Zealand.

Workers Keep Camps Humming

Camps are the major industry on Lookout Mountain, providing jobs for local residents and a large number of college students.

Holding the record for the longest employment is Mrs. Leonard Crow who has worked for Alpine Camp for 54 years. Mrs. Crow is the camp dietician and is famous for the delicious biscuits she has prepared for hundreds of campers each year.

Many families are involved with different camps. Jack and Olive Jones have been part of Valley View Ranch for 37 years. Their daughter Nancy is the director now and daughters Marsha Jones Hair and Janis Jones Carrier are on the staff. The Jones' girls, including Angela Jones Wood were all campers at Valley View and now the Jones' granddaughters Chelsea, Maggie and Deana are campers.

Camp DeSoto has several families working in different capacities. Colquit and Ed Jones are always part of the DeSoto staff. The Jones' have a love for horses and are also musically talented. Colquit plays "a mean fiddle on Saturday nights" according to DeSoto's assistant director, Phil Hurt.

DeSoto also employs Dorothy, Tim and Dean Gardner, Ruby and Diane Smith, Danna McCarty, Johnny and Ronnie Hilliard, and Leonard Keith. Mary Holleman of Valley Head has been DeSoto's secretary for many years and Evelyn Ruth Graves is the bookkeeper.

Since 1975, Mrs. E. T. Henry has been DeSoto's postmaster and now also runs the camp store. She is Sue Henry the camp director's mother.

Dot Pollard has been the dietician at Camp Juliette Low for 17 years. She bakes all the camp's bread-rolls, hamburger buns and hoagie rolls. She is from Rome, Georgia.

Other staff members that merit recognition are: Camp Skyline — Clara Coots, retired this year after 44 summers at Skyline. Ethel Manifold, Roy Strickland, Jr. and Nancy and Dewey Smith all of Mentone.

Cornet Scout Reservation — Moran Colburn has worked 30 years at the Camp Trading Post.

Valley View Ranch — Louise Sharp of Valley Head, 20 years at Valley View.

Saddlerock — Granville Goss, the camp "Jack of all Trades," Polly Cameron, assistant director, 16 years. Ellen Roberts, program director, 26 years. Inza Fort, assistant program director, 15 years.

Camp Laney — Leroy Snider, 17 years. Scott Russell, assistant director, 8 years. John Clifford, program director, 10 years. Scott Pierce, program director, 7 years. Doug Moon, project adventure director, 6 years. Whitney Chapman, horseback director, 8 years.

Ponderosa Bible Camp — Glenn and Linda Miller, 15 years. Charles and Debbie Frazier, program director and camp cook since August, 1989.

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Bevill's Bill Passes House

WASHINGTON — The U. S. House of Representatives today passed Congressman Tom Bevill's 1992 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill by a wide margin of 392 to 24. Bevill's bill is the first of the 13 annual appropriations bills to pass the House this year.

The bill provides about \$1.25 billion to fund the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U. S. Department of Energy, the Bureau of Reclamation and independent agencies and commissions including the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Appalachian Regional Commission. The President's budget request for the bill was about \$21.6 billion.

"I am very pleased that the overwhelming majority in the House supported this bill. We were so tight on the funding this year that we were not able to fund any new construction starts, including some of those requested by the President," said Bevill. "However, I think we have a good bill which serves a number of important needs and continues ongoing construction projects."

More than half of the bill, \$11.8 billion, is for defense activities, while \$9.7 billion is allocated for domestic programs.

The bill includes about \$110 million for Alabama water resource projects as well as funding for hundreds of projects across the nation, including the Superconducting Supercollider at \$433.7 million.

In the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 1992 budget for Alabama, Bevill included \$15 million for the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Wildlife Mitigation. Other on-going construction projects include replacement of the Oliver Lock and Dam, \$11,810,000; Village Creek flood control, \$8 million; Threemile Creek flood control, \$10,229,000; Jackson Port (Black Warrior and Tombigbee Rivers), \$1 million.

The Alabama congressman provided \$1,704,000 to the Corps to continue the comprehensive water resources study of the Alabama-Coosa and Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basins. The study will give the governors of Alabama, Georgia and Florida the technical information they need to plan future allocations of water resources in the river basins, according to Bevill.

Bevill also included funding for studies on Valley Creek, \$169,000; Chickasaw Creek, \$150,000; Choctawhatchee and Pea River Basin, \$475,000. Bevill provided \$77,594,000 for operation and maintenance of Alabama's entire waterway system, including the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

Bevill's bill includes \$170 million for the Appalachian Regional Commission and \$135 million for the Tennessee Valley Authority's economic development programs.

"After the U. S. Senate approves this bill, we will work out any differences between the two versions and send it to the President for signature," said Bevill.

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